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SUBJECT: INVITATION FOR ROK SHIP VISIT TO GUAM

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM GOVERNOR OF GUAM, RICARDO J. BORDALLO, REQUESTING AMBASSADOR TO FORWARD ENCLOSED LETTER TO PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE INVITING REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO PARTICIPATE IN NAVAL "SALUTE TO AMERICA" IN GUAM JULY 4. IN HIS LETTER TO PARK GOVERNOR BORDALLO REQUESTS ROKG SEND SEVERAL ROK NAVAL SHIPS TO GUAM TO TAKE PART IN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS FROM JULY 3 TO JULY 6 AND TO GIVE PEOPLE OF GUAM OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR SHIPS AND MEET CREWS. INVITATIONS APPARENTLY ALSO BEING EXTENDED TO PHILIPPINES, JAPAN, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND GREAT BRITAIN.

2. IN COVERING LETTER TO AMBASSADOR GOVERNOR BORDALLO INDICATES HE HAS RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS JOHN RICHARDSON STATING IN PART THAT "THE KIND OF EVENT YOU PROPOSE IS INDEED IN KEEPING WITH THE NATIONWIDE-- INCLUDING TERRITORIES--NATURE OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL BE GLAD TO INFORM U.S. EMBASSIES IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED ABOUT THE EVENT, AND WILL BE PREPARED TO RESPOND HELPFULLY TO QUERIES FROM THE PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES."

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3. EMBASSY HAS NO PROBLEM WITH PASSING GOVERNOR
BORDALLO'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT PARK, HOWEVER, WOULD
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE PRIOR TO DOING SO.
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